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SUBJECT: PROPOSED COMMUNITY NFDM MIXING REGULATION

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1638

1. THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSED MIXING REGULATION WILL
PROBABLY BE AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE BY THE GERMAN
GOVERNMENT AT NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

2. INFORMED SOURCES IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AGRICULTURAL
AND ECONOMIC MINISTRIES INDICATE THAT WHILE THERE IS
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RELUCTANCE IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT THE

MIXING REGULATION, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO THEM TO BE A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE; IN OTHER WORDS, ALL OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THE ONE PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION. WHILE THE FRG IS WORRIED ABOUT DEFENDING THE MIXING REGULATION IN GATT, IT APPEARS THAT THIS IS NOT A SUFFICIENT DETERRENT PREVENTING THEM FROM APPROVING THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL.

3. WE WERE INFORMED THAT MINISTER ERTL'S POINT AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WAS THAT THE U. S. SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION ON THE MIXING REGULATION WILL NOT REDUCE COMMUNITY IMPORTS OF SOYBEAN MEAL. THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AN QUOTE OFF THE CUFF UNQUOTE PROPOSAL BY ERTL AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED IF IT WILL BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

4. THE GERMANS SEE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN BRUSSELS AS FOLLOWS: NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE A MEETING REGARDING THE TECHNICAL POINTS OF THE MIXING REGULATION. TO BE DECIDED WILL BE THE AMOUNT OF THE DEPOSIT AND THE MECHANISM WHEREBY THE SURPLUS DEPOSIT, IF ANY, COULD BE UTILIZED TO REDUCE THE PRICE OF THE DENATURED SKIM MILK WHICH WILL BE SOLD TO USERS. THE FOLLOWING WEEK IS EXPECTED TO BE DECISIONMAKING WEEK ON THIS ISSUE BY THE COUNCIL.
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